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## MORE RIDERS GET TO MONTGOMERY

'Tough' Group Greeted White and Negro Theologians

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Another group of white and Negro "Freedom Riders" arrived here tonight from Atlanta, Ga., aboard a Greyhound bus.

They were headed by the Rev. William S. Coffin Jr., the chaplain of Yale University. He explained that his group of four whites and three Negroes had assembled for the ride through a spontaneous decision.

Their reception at the bus terminal here was orderly. A mob of several hundred persons, described by an eye-witness as watched in silence as the party descended from the bus and entered two waiting automobiles. Two hundred National Guardsmen and a score of local police stood by. The visitors did not enter the station.

One of the cars was driven by the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, pastor of Montgomery's Negro First Baptist Church. He said the party was going to his home. The second car was driven by an unidentified Negro woman.

### Professors in Party

In the Coffin party were the Rev. Gaylord Hoyce, an associate professor of the Yale Divinity School; Dr. John Maguire and Dr. David Swift, both professors of religion at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

The Negroes in the group were identified as Clyde Carter and Charles Jones, theological students at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., and George E. Smith, a law student at Yale.

Before departing from Atlanta shortly after 10 P. M., Dr. Coffin told newsmen that the party had assembled on the spur of a moment. He said the news of the existence of the original Freedom Riders in the South.

Dr. Coffin said that the group was exercising its "constitutional freedom." He added:

"My president [Harold Christy of Yale] doesn't even know I'm down here."

"People ought to enjoy their constitutional privileges," he said.

Dr. Coffin said the destination of the group was New Orleans. He did not say when the group would resume its journey.

The Freedom Riders talked with newsmen for fifteen minutes at the bus terminal here. Their bus was escorted into town and to the station by highway patrol and city police cars with sirens screeching.

Highway Patrol cars had escorted the bus from the state line. The drive from Atlanta took about three hours.

Two other buses, bearing Freedom Riders, left here this morning for New Orleans from the Trailways terminal.

Shortly after the party left the bus station the station was cleared because of a bomb scare, the police said. A search was made, but no bomb was found.

As the automobiles pulled away from the station a brick was hurled from the crowd at the Abernathy car. It missed.

Mr. Carter said as he stepped into one of the cars, "Please do not label us Freedom Riders. We are not. We're just here for a sociable visit."

Also on hand to greet the party here were the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. of Atlanta and the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth of Birmingham.

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